(b) how many of them are at the same place for more than three years; and

(c) what is the reason for not transferring them ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The total strength of Group A, B, C and D CGHS staff in Nagpur District is 244.

(b) and (c) Of the 244 staff, 185 belong to the B, C and D Groups *who are not transferrable. Of the* remaining 60, 51 have not been transferred due to administrative grounds.

Interferential Therapy Equipments

1121. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous models of Interferential Therapy Equipments produced at 30 per cent of the cost of imported versions have been ignored in favour of its imported counterparts in Government hospitals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that imported equipments do not have the potential to function effectively under tropical conditions; and

(c) whether Government have shown encouragement to indigenous manufacturers of Interferential Therapy Equipment for relieving pain and physical disability ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में संक्रामक बीमारियों की रोकथाम

1122. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में समय-समय पर फैलने वाले संक्रामक रोगों की रोकथाम के लिये अतिरिक्त राशि सहायता के रूप में प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में केन्द्रीय सरकार के विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों के क्रियान्वयन में आने वाली बाधाओं को दूर करने के लिये क्या उपाय किये गये हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर) : (क) और (ख) आदिवासी क्षेत्रों के लिए योजना आबंटन के अंतर्गत पृथक घटक है और केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत धन दिया जाता है ।

स्वास्थ्य राज्य का विषय है । तथापि, केन्द्रीय सरकार विभिन्न राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से राज्य सरकारों द्वारा किए जा रहे प्रयासों की सहायता करती रही है लेकिन ये योजनाएं उनके द्वारा ही कार्यान्वित की जाती हैं । वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी क्षेत्रों के लिए पूर्ण आबंटन गत वर्ष की अपेक्षा अधिक था ।

Control of Blindness in the Country

1123. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated number of blind persons in the country, State-wise at present;

(b) what are the achievements of National programme for control of blindness during 1992-93; and

(c) what are the targets for the year 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) Provisional data indicates that about 12.6 lakhs cataract operations have been performed in the country upto February, 1993. Further more, steps were interalia taken to set up District Blindness Control Societies and to procure equipment and vehicles etc., as required by the Programme.

(c) The target of cataract operations for the year 1993-94 is 24.3 lakhs.

Statement

Estimated Blind Persons for each State in India

State/Uts	Population	Prevalence	Estimated Blind Persons
Andhra Pradesh	66354559	150	995318
Arunachal Pradesh	858392	123	10558
Assam	22294562	134	298747
Bihar	86338853	128	1105137
Goa	1168622	203	23723
Gujarat	41174343	144	592911
Haryana	16317715	113	184390
Himachal Pradesh	5111079	87	44466
Jammu & Kashmir	7718700	280	216124
Karnataka	44806468	129	578003
Kerala	29032828	131	380330
Madhya Pradesh	66135862	201	1329331
Maharastra	78748215	164	1291471
Manipur	1826714	65	11874
Meghalaya	1760626	22	3873
Mizoram	686217	38	2608
Nagaland	1215573	38	4619
Orrisa	31512070	172	542008
Punjab	20190795	73	147393
Rajastan	43880640	224	982926
Sikkim	405505	45	1825
Tamil Nadu	55638318	165	918032
Tripura	2744827	118	32389
Uttar Pradesh	139031130	158	2196692
West Bengal	67982732	96	652634
A & N Island	279111	67	1870
Chandigarh	640725	189	12110
D & N Haveli	138401	149	2062
Daman & Diu	101439	149	1511
Delhi	9370475	63	59034
Lakshadweep	51681	89	460
Pondicherry	807045	149	12025
INDIA	844324222	149	12580431

Source : Estimated on the basis of Survey by WHO/Govt. of India 1986—89.